

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
June 19, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Present: W. Holt, A. Ulke, I. Port, B. Bergman, K. Bergman, M. P. Carns, R. Franck, L. Joseph, M. McNeirney, M. Painter, G. Retos, S. Rohr, S. Schwarzwaelder

Absent: D. Mannheimer, S. McQuillan

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by President Bill Holt.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill thanked the members for their attendance and said there was a good turnout for the STaC 'n' Snack the evening before. He thanked the Bergmans, Lou Joseph and Maryanne McNeirney for doing a fantastic job.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of April 3 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ivan distributed the Treasurer's report and reviewed it with the board. There was an increase in attendance of the spring sectional compared with 2008, which related to most of the difference in net income.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney continues to send cards.

Post Mortem—Lou Joseph reported that all is well. Lou emphasized that the deadline for reporting cancellations and good games is the 3rd Friday of the month. He encourages directors to notify him of special games which could then be advertised in the PostMortem, on the webpage, and on the hotline. Lou thanked Maryanne McNeirney and the Bergmans for their work advertising and running the unit's STaC games.

Education—Lou Joseph reported that classes at Rodef recently concluded and were successful. He is trying to arrange supervised play in August. The next set

of classes will be in the fall. He asked Ivan to let us know the source of scrip which is redeemed. Much of it is redeemed at the Rodef game.

Business Manager—Mary, Bill, and Ken will negotiate with Alex (Unit 229) regarding finances, in anticipation of running the summer sectional jointly.

Operations Manager—Asim reported no problems.

Novice—Darlene Mannheimer was absent.

Membership—Marilyn Painter is having trouble getting directories. Otherwise she reported no problems.

Webmaster—Bill Holt reported that McKeesport games are closing effective immediately.

District 5 and National News—Mary reported that:

--The ACBL is planning to change the way that clubs will register for the STaC. The change will be in effect before the next STaC in December.

--ACBL Headquarters is moving to a new building, still in the Memphis area.

--The Roni Atkins Pittsburgh Regional is set to be at the Hyatt at the Airport from Sept. 1 to 7. Board members were asked to help announce this at club games.

OLD BUSINESS

STaC Week June 15 - 21—Mary reported that the Thursday evening STaC game sponsored by the unit got 18.5 tables.

Summer Sectional June 26 - 28—Bill reported that plans for hospitality are going well. He distributed fliers to be taken to the clubs.

Publicity at Clubs—Bill reported that attempts to develop a systematic way of providing information and distributing fliers at clubs didn't work out. However, he asked board members to make announcements and distribute fliers at the clubs they attend.

Awards Night—Lou reported that all went well. Barb and Marilyn did a great job. He presented the plaque for the Milt Frazier award to Mary.

Mentoring—Mary said that the program needs to be revamped and she requested that someone volunteer to take over the program. No board members volunteered so it was suggested that a volunteer be recruited via announcements

in the Post Mortem and on the website. Mary will develop the text for this announcement.

Olympiad Contest—Is currently underway. Participation is less than hoped, but the Unit game is getting approximately 1 table per week of extra attendance among the 0 – 750 players.

NEW BUSINESS

Stipend for GNT Finalists—Mary reminded the board that 5 members of winning teams are members of Unit 142; Flight A: Fred Schenker; Flight C: Donald Turacy, Frank Sifrin, Jim Fox, and Bharat Shah. The board voted to distribute the approximately \$1250 that is in the fund, at the rate of \$250 per person. Ivan will write a letter of congratulations to each person and present them with their stipend.

Pro Am Game, Sept 25—Sharon discussed the possibility of serving a buffet dinner rather than snacks. After discussion regarding the cost, the proportion of the income which should be spent, and which charity to choose as beneficiary, the board agreed that Sharon may spend up to 50% of the income on food; Ron will supply desserts; Sharon will choose a charity among those suggested. Sharon will ask Alex to direct and if he doesn't accept payment, he will receive a gift card. Bill will make a flier.

Election, Nov. 7—Barb Bergman is in charge. She will determine which members have expiring terms and advertise in the Post Mortem.

Fall Sectional, Nov. 6 - 8—Lou Joseph has recruited Susan Portnoy to be one of the co-chairs.

Fossick-Goodman Swiss Team—Richard Zack notified Mary that he is planning to hold this game, a Swiss Team to benefit the education fund in Unit 142, on October 4, if the site is available. Mary will get a sanction.

Alternate Sites for Unit Game—Steve Schwarzwaelder investigated possible sites for the purpose of future planning. He discussed location and possible changes of attendance (up or down). Time was short and a more detailed discussion was postponed until the next meeting. Steve asked for suggestions regarding possible locations, and thinking about the long term, whether the unit should consider purchasing a building.

Moving Tables for the Sectional—Ron Franck handles this.

President's Announcement—Bill announced that he has appointed Jane Marshall to the board. Her first meeting will be in August.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will on August 14, 2009 at 6:00 PM at Blackridge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.